Shifting of squatters from Motia Khan

2294. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government propose to take to shift squatters from the Motia Khan site along the original road, New Delhi squeezing the approach road to Motia Khan DDA flats and to clear the area occupied by them; and

(b) whether any alternate site has been selected by Government for these squatters?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) DDA has reported that it has not been possible to find adequate land to relocate all the squatters. However, plans have been formulated for the first phase of shifting of approximately 250 jhuggis.

Fire Fighting Jeeps for Parliament House Estate

2295. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) it is a fact that due to ban on employment of casual labour, the fire fighting jeep which has been purchased is lying idle for want of a driver; and

(b) whether in view of the fire safety of Parliament House Complex, Government propose to lift or relay the ban and employ essential staff?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Unauthorised encroachments in Delhi

2296. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether to check unauthorised encroachments in Delhi, some instructions have been issued to local bodies viz. MCD, DDA, NDMC and Delhi Cantonment Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some control rooms have been set up to take prompt action;

(d) if so, the details of the control rooms set up by each local body with telephone numbers of each;

(e) whether Government also propose to make official of local bodies responsible to check these encroachments in their respective areas;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and

(g) what action is proposed to be taken against those who have encroached the public land in different areas of respective local bodies?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) The firm policy of the Government is not to permit fresh encroachments. Delhi Administration has directed public agencies to maintain strict vigil and to take preventive action. Contral Rooms have also started functioning to facilitate prompt reporting of encroachment by public. Control Rooms have been set up by the Delhi Development Authority. Municipal Corporation of Delhi, New Delhi Municipal Committee and the Deputy Commissioner, Delhi, as per details given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(e) and (f) The Delhi Development Authority and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi have divided the area under their respective jurisdiction into zones and senior officers have been appointed as Zonal Officers to check encroachment and unauthorised construction in their respective jurisdiction.

(g) Action against encroachments and unauthorised constructions is taken by the concerned authorities like the Delhi Development Authority, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the New Delhi Muncipal Committee under the privisions of Delhi Development Act, 1957, Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 and the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911 respectively.